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Applicants: Shunsuke Furukawa et al.

Serial No.: 09/649,955

Filed : August 29, 2000

For : RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING RECORDING MEDIUM AND DATA RECORDING

Group A.U.: 2752

Examiner : Paul W. Huber

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Official Action of June 14, 2004 as follows.

In response to the requirement for an election of a species Applicant hereby elects so-called species 1) comprising the apparatus set forth in Fig. 8 in which the pre-set conversion rule is defined by the so-called first method, as described on page 10,

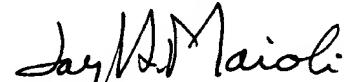
lines 3-7.

Applicant states that claims 1-3, 8-16, 21-28, 33-40, 45-52, 38-64, and 68-70 read on the elected species of Fig. 8 performing the pre-set conversion rule following the first method.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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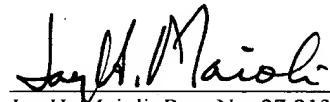
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
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 Additional Fee for this Amendment
 This Response is being filed within the _____ first month, _____ second month, _____ third month, _____ fourth month, _____ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of _____ \$110 (\$55), _____ \$410 (\$205), _____ \$930 (\$465), _____ \$1,450 (\$725), _____ \$1,970 (\$985) is due and paid herewith.
 The fee of \$_____ set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
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